

The Holidays are Bright
City Employees Celebrate the Season with Their Families

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What better time than the holidays to highlight our city's most precious resource – the family. City staff works tirelessly on behalf of residents throughout the year protecting and enhancing services and thus our quality of life. Now, when holiday lights are twinkling, City lights will dim as employees prepare to take a well deserved furlough to share the joys of the season with friends and family.

While emergency services such as police and fire will continue to be provided at full staffing levels, the City of Rocklin public offices will be closed from December 25th through January 2nd to observe the holiday furlough. Routine City services will be unavailable during that time.

Why is this important? Not only will City staff have more time to celebrate the season with their families, but the City will experience a significant cost savings from the typical operational overhead such as lighting and heating. Employees will be utilizing vacation time, accrued overtime, or taking leave without pay. By utilizing time at today's rate, rather than in the future at a possibly higher rate, the City experiences cost savings and reduces the leave liability and accrued vacation.

Clearly, this is a time when demand for these routine services is very low which makes it the perfect time to practice smart conservation. Additionally, this type of conservation and fiscally conservative approach is particularly important now during these times of economic uncertainty.

While it is impossible to prepare for every contingency, the City of Rocklin has on multiple levels practiced conservation and not just with the holiday furlough. By planning ahead to protect public services during times of economic instability, the City is well positioned to minimize the impact of state budget cuts on City residents. Rocklin's approach to budgeting is much like a local family's. When times are good, the City puts money aside for future projects and encourages cost savings wherever possible by City departments. As a result, regardless of the state's deficit, Rocklin is moving forward with important projects without imposing new fees or cutting programs.

As you prepare to celebrate this festive time in your family's own traditional way, rest assured you can place your trust in the City's leadership and staff to maintain Rocklin's tradition of quality services, fiscal conservation and a wonderful quality of life.

We, at the City of Rocklin, wish you and your family a very happy holiday season!

If you have questions regarding the City's holiday furlough please contact us at 916.625.5000. General information can be accessed at www.rocklin.ca.us